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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DIANE M. WEEDEN

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the arraignment of Diane M. Weeden, age 41, of Rochester. The arraignment was held on Friday, September 24, 2004. Diane M. Weeden pled not guilty to a nine-count Indictment, charging her with Bankruptcy Fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 152, carrying a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. **(Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee stated that the Indictment charges the defendant, Diane M. Weeden, with knowingly and fraudulently making false declarations and statements on her bankruptcy petition; knowingly and fraudulently concealing property; falsely testifying under oath at a Section 341 meeting of creditors; falsely testifying under oath at a deposition held before a regularly appointed trustee; and falsely testifying before the Honorable John C. Ninfo, II, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge.

Among other things, it is alleged that Ms. Weeden, in her bankruptcy proceeding, concealed the existence of, and gave false testimony under oath regarding, a diamond ring.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of William E. Kezer.

The evidence was presented to the Grand Jury by Tiffany H. Lee, Assistant United States Attorney, who will handle the trial of the case.

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